

HOUSE BILL NO. 623

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDING FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION GRANTS; ESTABLISHING USES FOR GRANT FUNDING; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Suicide prevention grants -- appropriation. (1) There is appropriated \$500,000 from the state special revenue fund account established in 17-6-603 to the department of public health and human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2021, for grants made pursuant to 53-21-1101 and 53-21-1111 for suicide prevention activities.

(2) The appropriation must be used to:

(a) implement evidence-based strategies developed with assistance from the United States department of veterans affairs and the federal substance abuse and mental health services administration;

(b) continue state and tribal efforts in implementing the action steps of the Montana native youth suicide reduction strategic plan published in January 2017; and

(c) implement recommendations from the 2016 Montana suicide mortality review team report for evidence-based youth suicide prevention programs and mental health screening.

NEW SECTION. Section 2. Notification to tribal governments. The secretary of state shall send a copy of [this act] to each federally recognized tribal government in Montana.

NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date. [This act] is effective July 1, 2021.

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